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Dear Ron,

Thanks for the thoughtfulness in sending the piece, its intent and its results, one of which is telling your readers that some of us are human and a few have an idea of how to do what.

I do love animals, by the way. Winters I collect stale bread, get it dry and feed it. What the birds leave the other animals, including the skunks, get. We co-habitate with no problems, except from hunters and bad kids.

My bass come to and swim along the surface when they hear the human voice, stop and swim back when people stop, take feed readily and fearlessly, only they intimidate the faster golden trout.

As I rescue these once-abandoned acres from the repressive influences (honeysuckle, climbing poison, wild drapes, briergbriers and species I have not identified, I carry and pile it for animals to use as dens until it returns to nature.

Your generation did not invent or discover ecology. Not opposition to compulsory ROTC, which I fought in the early 1930. Alone, I add. Maybe a few other things, too.

Of course we can talk further. I did not expect you to write after the backgrounding. You were going to digest and phone me the next day. Generally I am away briefly early mornings Monday and Friday and each afternoon these days about 4. I go to Washington only when I must and while I may be out for a walk or other exercise, am generally home. As of today I'm booked 12/4 and 16. With the new book there may be other needs. I'm to go to NYC for a WNET show when they tell me. That is to be on the King assassination. I think they aired a Hunt taped show tonight. They may also tape a show on the new book then but this is not certain.

WxPost carried a decent story on the new book today. AP didn't get to reading the bulldog Post until about midnight. They put a story on the wire but I've not seen it. Leaving me little sleep. I don't know what play if any it got in NYC. The content is substantial, definitive and new. Also official, in facsimile.

Most who want it will have to get it from me. However, in NYC, bookstores can get it from Bookazine, which has it in stock. It sells for $6.00, $6.25 by mail.

There is immediate and long-range significance in Jim Lesar's fine legal analysis dealing with the Freedom of Information law in general and some of my suits under it in particular. He handle this one with the bazarre ending.

With commendable imaginativeness.

Giving me the transcript was supposed to meet it.

Maybe in the end it won't.

Thanks and best,